

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Resolution No. 99-15

A Resolution Adopting Guiding Principles of Environmental Justice for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Exercise of its Statutory Authority

WHEREAS, the Bay Area AQMD's Advisory Council's Public Health Committee developed a set of guiding principles for environmental justice for use by the District over a period of several months in 1998 through 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Council, on May 12, 1999, approved the guiding principles for environmental justice as drafted by its Public Health Committee and voted to recommend its adoption by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Council's Guiding Principles for Environmental Justice state as follows:

It is the District's intent to achieve clean and healthful air for all who live and work in the Bay Area, so that no segment of the population, regardless of race, national origin or income, bears disproportionately high and adverse health impacts of air pollution. To that end, the District will:

- Continue to ensure equal access to complaint resolution, rule and permit evaluation, and public resources, and assure equal enforcement activities.
- Continue outreach and education programs to strengthen the public's ability to participate in the District's Plan and rule development, and in community and individual activities for clean air.
- Solicit concerns and ideas from communities where there may be disproportionately high and adverse health effects.
- Work proactively to improve air quality for those disproportionately impacted communities through such actions as appropriate, including implementation of activities pertaining to pollution prevention; implementation of less-polluting alternative technologies; data collection and analysis; technical assistance; CEQA comments on project reviews; and support of state legislation and local ordinances as appropriate.

WHEREAS, the Advisory Council's recommended guiding principles for environmental justice was discussed at length at the Board's Executive Committee meeting of July 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS the Executive committee voted to direct staff to study those guiding principles for environmental justice for the purpose of developing a work plan that would take into consideration ongoing federal, state and local agency efforts in this area and to report back to the Board on an expeditious and periodic schedule; and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors, at their July 7, 1999 meeting, voted instead to have the guiding principles on environmental justice as set forth by the Advisory Council and reviewed by the Executive Committee formally adopted by resolution at their meeting on August 4, 1999.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby adopts the Guiding Principles for Environmental Justice for use by the District staff in the exercise of its statutory authority and creates an ad hoc committee to be appointed and led by Board Chairperson Nevin for the purpose of studying the issue of environmental justice further and providing policy direction to staff on the implementation of the Guiding Principles for Environmental Justice.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on the Motion of Director King, seconded by Director Townsend, on the 4th day of August, 1999 by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: ATTAWAY, A. BROWN, H. BROWN, CARROLL, COOPER, HAGGERTY,
HARPER, KING, MILLER, MOSSAR, NEVIN, TARVER, TORLIATT,
TOWNSEND, UILKEMA, WAGENKNECHT

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: DeSAULNIER, GAGE, SMITH, YAKI



MICHAEL D. NEVIN

Chairperson of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:



WILLIAM CARROLL

Secretary of the Board of Directors